

## Where we're going

**The GARVEE program will wrap up in 2014. By then the program will have invested more than \$365 million in improving safety, economic vitality and traffic flow on I-84 in the Treasure Valley.**

- The average commute time is expected to decrease between Nampa and Boise by 10 to 20 minutes during rush hour.

- I-84 has the capacity to handle growing commerce and travel demands from Boise to Nampa for decades to come.

**In 2005 the Idaho Legislature approved a bonding program that would accomplish 30 years of critical transportation projects in under 10 years. The program was called GARVEE.**



### **GARVEE**

stands for Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle, a type of bond that can be repaid with future federal-aid highway dollars. It was designed to help states expedite highway improvements. The approach did not risk the state's credit rating or increase government staffing.

The first GARVEE-funded project (expansion of the I-84, Eagle westbound off-ramp) broke ground less than one year later.



## Where we are today

**In four years ITD has doubled the capacity of I-84 within two high-volume corridors.**

- I-84 has been expanded from two to four lanes on two key corridors: Garrity to Meridian in the west Treasure Valley, and Cole to Broadway in the east Treasure Valley. I-84 was also expanded from two to three lanes between the Garrity Interchange and the Franklin Boulevard in Nampa.
- Three interchanges have been reconstructed: Vista and Orchard in Boise, and Garrity in Nampa. All three include sidewalks, adequate turning lanes and more room on the ramps for merging on and off I-84.
- The new Ten Mile Interchange opened in west Meridian, relieving congestion at the nearby Meridian and Garrity interchanges.
- Four I-84 overpasses have been replaced: the Robinson Road Overpass, Black Cat Road Overpass, 11th Avenue Overpass, and the east half of the Franklin Boulevard Overpass.
- The I-84, Eagle westbound off-ramp has been extended and widened.
- A three-mile-long soundwall reduces highway noise for residents between the Cole/Overland and Broadway interchanges.

## Where we were

**I-84 was constructed in the 1960s, when average daily traffic was 16,000 vehicles. By 2005 congestion had reached unacceptable levels.**

- Average daily traffic in Boise had reached 75,000 vehicles per day in Boise and 70,000 per day between Garrity and Meridian.
- More than 10 percent of Canyon County residents commuted to Ada County on just two lanes of I-84. Existing bridges and interchanges were too narrow to accommodate an I-84 expansion.
- The population of Meridian tripled between 1990 and 2000, making it the fastest-growing city in Idaho. Just one interchange served the eight-mile stretch between the Eagle Interchange and Garrity Interchange.
- The original 1960s pavement was crumbling under high traffic volumes. Treasure Valley drivers rated every aspect of the highway negatively in a pre-construction survey.
- Population in the Treasure Valley passed 500,000 in 2000 and was expected to surpass 1 million by 2030.



# I-84 West/East and S.H. 16, 2006 – 2014



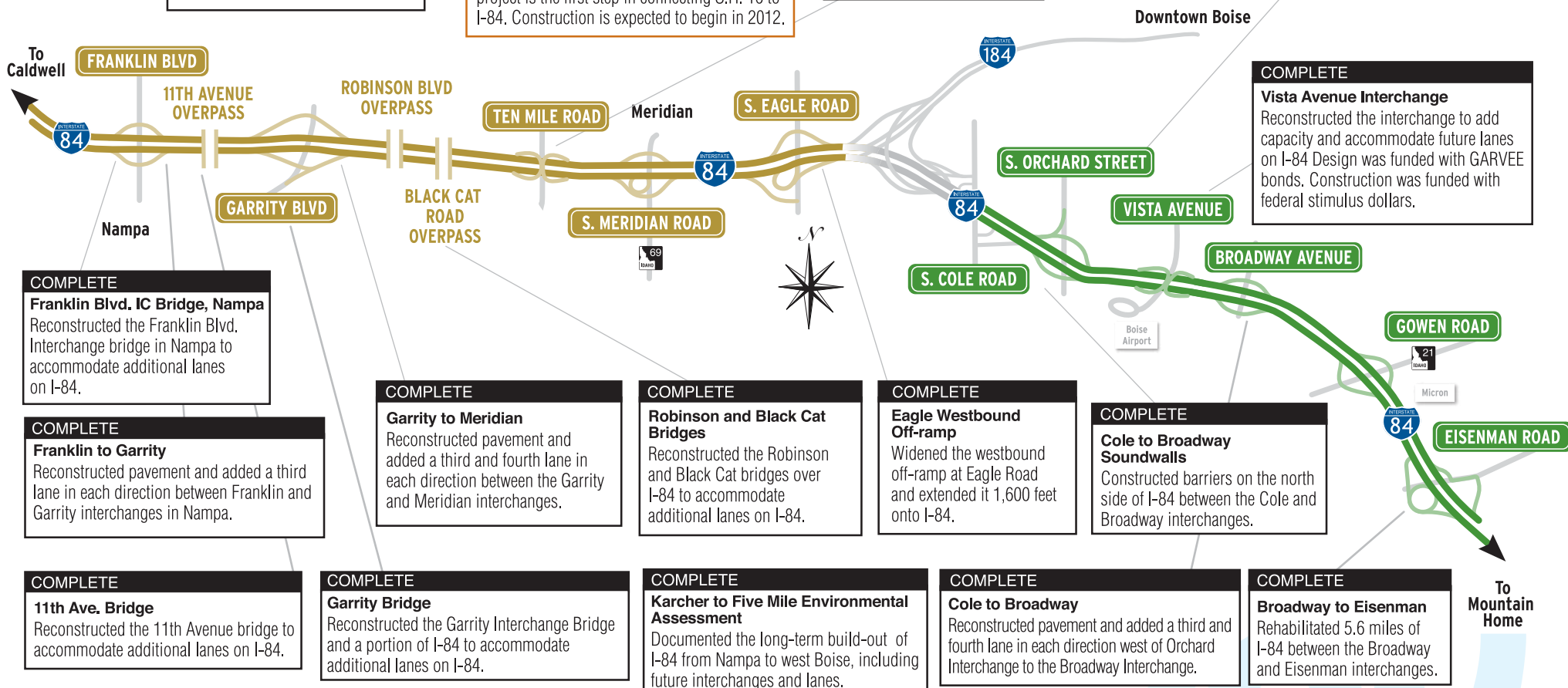
The Idaho Transportation Department constructed 17 miles of highway improvements in the Treasure Valley through the GARVEE Transportation Program. GARVEE stands for Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle, a type of bond that allows states to expedite critical transportation improvements.

**COMPLETE**  
**S.H. 16 Environmental Study**  
Documented environmental impacts to future north-to-south highway to connect I-84 and S.H. 16.

**UNDER DEVELOPMENT**  
**S.H. 16, U.S. 20/26 to S.H. 44**  
Designed a new four-lane, north-to-south highway linking U.S. 20/26 and S.H. 44. This project is the first step in connecting S.H. 16 to I-84. Construction is expected to begin in 2012.

**COMPLETE**  
**Ten Mile Road Interchange**  
Constructed a new interchange at Ten Mile Road in Meridian.

**COMPLETE**  
**Orchard Street Interchange**  
Reconstructed the interchange to add capacity and accommodate future lanes on I-84.



For more information about GARVEE projects on I-84, call 334-8005, e-mail [comments@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:comments@itd.idaho.gov) or visit [www.itd.idaho.gov](http://www.itd.idaho.gov). Click on Projects and Southwest Idaho.

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Project is complete.

Project is under way or anticipated to begin soon.